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To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve that Act, and for
other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public
Works

A BILL

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Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUDITS AND REPORTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Oil Pollution Act
5 of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 1021. AUDITS AND REPORTS.**

8 “(a) AUDITS.—Not later than April 30 of the fiscal
9 year in which this section is enacted, and every April 30
10 thereafter, the President shall provide to the Committees

1 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Environ-
2 ment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee
3 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
4 Representatives an audit conducted by an independent
5 third party that includes a detailed accounting of—

6 “(1) all funds from the Fund disbursed by the
7 National Pollution Funds Center; and

8 “(2) all funds from the Fund administered and
9 managed by the receiving agencies, including final
10 payments made through agencies, contractors, and
11 subcontractors.

12 “(b) REPORTS.—Not later than February 28 of the
13 fiscal year in which this section is enacted, and every Feb-
14 ruary 28 thereafter, the Secretary, the Secretary of the
15 Interior, the Secretary of Transportation, the Adminis-
16 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the
17 heads of any other Federal agencies that, during the pre-
18 ceding fiscal year, received funds from the Fund, shall—

19 “(1) provide to the President a report account-
20 ing for the uses of the funds by the Federal agency,
21 including a description of ways in which those uses
22 relate to—

23 “(A) oil pollution liability, compensation,
24 prevention, preparedness, and removal;

1 “(B) natural resource damage assessment
2 and restoration;

3 “(C) oil pollution research and develop-
4 ment; and

5 “(D) other oil pollution-related activities;
6 and

7 “(2) make each report available to the public
8 and other interested parties via the Internet website
9 of the National Pollution Funds Center.

10 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
12 essary to carry out this section.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
14 tions in section 2 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33
15 U.S.C. prec. 1001) is amended by inserting after the item
16 relating to section 1020 the following:

“Sec. 1021. Audits and reports.”.

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